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Soldiers Enjoy New Canteen

Bay Ridge Annex is Now Serviceman's "Club 62"

By B. Herzfeld and J. Westbay

Ten to one none of you night-lifers has ever visited "Club 62." That isn't surprising though as the club, more commonly known as the Bay Ridge Canteen, is the serviceman's own retreat. Under the able direction of Mrs. William J. Hinson, the former Bay Ridge High School Annex has been transformed in the short space of eight months into a smoothly functioning recreation center.

Here the members of our armed forces find relaxation mingled with an air of gaiety. There are many facilities at the disposal of the visitors. The game-room contains ping-pong equipment and two pool tables which have proved very popular. For those desirous of a more peaceful surrounding, the lounge room offers a chance for real relaxation. There he can listen to the radio, read, write home, or even lie down and take his shoes off.

Pretty Girls and Good Coffee

These, however, are not the main attractions. The *piece de resistance* of the house is formed in its "pretty girls and good coffee."

hostesses must be interviewed by the chairman, be at least eighteen years of age, and be high school graduates. Of course they must be attractive, too—this above all. They are usually assigned to one night a week, and when a special occasion merits it, every one is invited.

The girls conduct free dancing classes for servicemen from three to six every Sunday afternoon.

In the canteen proper, refreshments are served by eight to ten women working in shifts. There, any hungry serviceman is welcome to "dig in." Sandwiches, cake and the ever popular coffee (we know it's good; we tried it) are always on hand to please the palate. Mrs. Mac Avoy, one of the charming senior hostesses, who was behind the counter laughingly remarked, "We wash plenty of dishes!" Then she added more seriously, "But we love the work."

Saturday Night Band

Although during the week the musical accompaniment is supplied by a juke box, on Saturdays, they dance to the strains of a band. The current attraction is Buddy D'Andrea and his Boys, several of whom are Fort Hamilton students.

Pearl Lishansky Chosen To Star in Radio Show

Pearl Lishansky, of our Radio Workshop, has been selected to play the lead in the radio play, *Antietam*, 1862, the first of a series of Red Cross plays to be produced by the All-City Radio Workshop over Station WNYC from the Brooklyn Tech studios.

Mrs. Janice Kamholtz, radio dramatics teacher, said this of her, "Pearl is a sensitive and accomplished actress who has shown her versatility by playing a Chinese mother in our first Radio Workshop production and a Norwegian woman in the second."

G. O. Candidates

Today is the deadline for all students desiring to run for any G. O. office, to enter their petitions. Tomorrow, the G. O. Congress will approve all candidates, and if necessary, eliminate all but three for each office. Campaigning will begin on December 13 and will continue till December 16. The following day, elections will be held. Requirements for those desiring to run are the same as in previous terms.

City Opens New Cultural Center

Anticipate Many Novel Forms of Entertainment

By C. Chinowsky and E. Moskowitz

The City Center of Music and Drama, Inc., has been recently organized for the purpose of furthering the presentation at reduced rates, of musical, dramatic and other artistic performances for the benefit of the citizens of New York City. These performances will all be held at the Center, which is the old Mecca Temple at 130 W. 56 Street in New York City.

Press Conference Held

With the idea of acquainting the people of New York with this new project a conference of high school editors and reporters was held at the Center office building. Through the medium of school newspapers throughout the city it is hoped that all the citizens, both parents and students, will learn of this innovation and thus benefit from its many advantages.

Mr. Elmer Rice, well-known playwright, addressed the group on the purposes and plans of the Center, which opens officially on Saturday night, December 11. As the initial offering of this municipal theater which will be dedicated by Mayor LaGuardia at that time, the Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra will present a concert. Tickets for the performance will be on sale to the general public from December 6 at the Center, but mail orders will be accepted before that time. Later on a plan will be devised whereby students may purchase their tickets at the school.

Performance of *The Patriots*

The Patriots, one of the most successful plays of the past season will be presented with the original Broadway cast. Matinee performances will be held on December 22, 23, and 25. Students wishing to attend these matinees will be released from school in adequate time. The prices will start at thirty cents, and you can have the best seat in the house for $1.10. Further notice will be sent to the school in reference to this,

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Hamilton Will Welcome Guatemalan Representative

The Consul-General of Guatemala will visit the school on Thursday, December 16, to show and explain an interesting film on Guatemala and Pan-American relations. All students interested are invited to come to room 201 at three p.m. on that day. The admission will be free.

Coming Clash With Boro Champs Raises Fighting Spirit of Team

MEET THE BASKETBALL TEAM

Parents Association Plan Bridge Party

A meeting of the advisory committee of the Fort Hamilton High School Parents Association was held on Friday evening, October 29, to discuss future plans for the Association. About 45 attended the meeting, at which Arthur Alfke, Vice-President, presided in the absence of the President Carl Linscheid.

Because of the fuel shortage, it will be impossible to hold evening meetings this winter and it was therefore decided to hold an afternoon Bridge and Bunco Party. The affair will take place on Tuesday, December 7, commencing at 2:30 P. M., and will be under the chairmanship of Mrs. Paul V. Welsh and co-chairmanship of Mrs. Robert Field. It will be held in the cafeteria of the school. The donation will be one dollar, refreshments will be served and table prizes awarded. There will also be a Sweepstakes Table.

The money raised from the bridge will be used to purchase a copy of one of the fine old masters, to be presented by the Parents Association to the school. This is hoped to be the beginning of a collection which in the future will be a source of inspiration and enjoyment to our students.

Ft. Hamilton Alumni Hold First Meeting

The first officers of the Fort Hamilton Alumni Association were chosen at the meeting of the association on October 29. With Bob Naslonski presiding as acting chairman, the newly re-united former schoolmates elected as their officers: Bob Naslonski, President, Edna Nielsen, Vice-President, Ann Wetsel, Secretary, and Nick Millionis as Treasurer. With these new officers presiding, they began the formation of a constitution.

Later in the meeting, Mr. Kamin introduced the new officers of the present graduating class, George Fraser, Anita Jesse, Marion Sweeney and Howard Fraser. The present graduating class cordially invited the alumni to their Senior Prom to be held in January.

Students Gifts Go To The Red Cross

Christmas gifts made by Art Appreciation students are being distributed through the Junior Red Cross to men in our armed forces, children in war areas and our wounded in hospitals.

The students of term one made scrapbooks containing cartoons, aviation tidbits and topics of interest to men in our armed forces.

Stuffed Dolls

Term two art appreciation classes made rag and stuffed dolls representing all nations, such as China, Russia, Holland, and Hawaii, and American soldiers and sailors. They were made from such materials as men's old socks and gloves.

In addition, there was an abundance of mammy dolls. It would be interesting to note the attitude of foreign children toward our typically American mammy doll. There is a display of these dolls on the third floor, east wing.

Christmas Cards

Term three and four made two types of Christmas cards. They constructed original greeting cards or remade old Christmas cards from those they received in past years. The students remounted and in some cases relettered these.

Program Planning Made Interesting

By means of stick figures, to be drawn by Mr. Christ, the old bug-a-boo of program planning will be made into an interesting topic at next week's assembly, on Tuesday, December 7. In addition questions pertaining to the subject of guidance will be answered by a board of experts chosen from the members of Arista.

The stick figures, of a humorous nature, are to represent different groups or subjects necessary for a diploma. They are to be projected on the screen.

The questions to be asked at the assembly will be chosen from those written by students during one of their English periods.

Second Pre-Season Game With Curtis Quintet Today

By Alfred Tumminia

Fort Hamilton's basketball team will open it's first P.S.A.L. season by playing Madison this Friday, December 3, at home. Madison, the District and Borough champion of last season, is putting an experienced, tall squad on the court to play against our still-untested team.

"Our team is short but quite fast," says Coach Drucker. "They are green players as compared to the other schools. Madison," adds Coach Drucker, "always comes up with a very good basketball team, well-coached in the fundamentals and techniques of the game."

Curtis Game Today

Our game at Curtis this afternoon will be the last chance for our squad to ready themselves for the clash with Madison. It will also allow our squad to revenge our loss to Curtis in the game of Friday, November 19, in which the final score was 34-14.

Madison's Team

Madison's first team consists of two stars, Cerra and Hariwood, returning from last season's varsity, and three players from the jayvee who have taken the places of those who had graduated. According to the manager of the team, the squad is "moderately fast when started — quite tall—not good ball-handlers—not too good on foul shots."

Quoted from the manager, the players are listed as: Cerra—Captain of the team—high scorer in scrimmage—fast; Hariwood — plays center—tallest man on the team—too slow—not too good a shot; Shrober—tall—good ball-handler; Weiner and Okin — terrific ball-handlers—fast—good shots."

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Scholarship Club Prepares Students For Examination

A Scholarship Club is being organized for the purpose of preparing students for a Regents Scholarship Examination to be given in April or the first week of May. Membership in this club will be open to seventh and eighth termers regardless of average.

Instead of the usual awarding of scholarships on the basis of Regents marks, a comprehensive test will be given on general knowledge. Qualified students should note that the examination will not only include questions on the regular major subjects, but also on topics such as history of art and music. The scholarship provides one hundred dollars for each of four years in any college in New York State.

The first meeting of the Scholarship Club will be held tomorrow after the eighth period in room 223. Meetings will be held thereafter on Mondays and Thursdays, and will be supervised by the departmental chairmen. Miss Grace A. Young is in charge of the club.

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Student Forum

Topic: What is your reaction to student conduct during assembly periods?

Marvin Barondes, 6-6:

On the whole I think the auditorium period should and does interest most of the students who have the privilege of going to the auditorium. And believe me, it is a privilege for the students who appreciate it. It is only the "wise guys" who in my opinion are the ignorant and selfish people in the school who should get wise to themselves and enjoy the better things in life.

Shirley Koperberg, 7-9:

The students of Fort Hamilton seem to be silly minded individuals who think that life is one big joke. This, at least, is the impression I received as I sat in the auditorium during the assembly given by the Radio Workshop. The program was serious and from its delivery one could tell that a great deal of work and time must have gone into it. Yet the majority of the students did not even give it an opportunity to show how good it was. Instead, there were constant undertones of laughter and talking. They didn't even show the least bit of appreciation or courtesy.

All of our assembly programs seem to get this kind of reception, so why bother preparing programs at all? I am quite sure that if we were to follow this plan, there would be one big kick from the student body. Either the attitude of the students should change, or the faculty members and students should not waste their time and energy preparing something the students are not worthy of.

Frances Green, 4-12:

Assemblies should be a period of enjoyment. The students should not think of them as a place where Betty shouts to Mary, who is about ten or fifteen rows behind her, about her new boyfriend or where someone describes in great detail the football game he saw last Saturday to his pal across the aisle. Another example of the poor conduct in the assembly occurs when someone gets bored with the speaker and talks, rustles papers, drops books and even gets up and takes a walk, not realizing that others might like to listen. This, in my opinion, is being disrespectful to the speaker and unfair to fellow students and should be corrected.

P. M. Assemblies

Richard H. Boggs, 3-14:

Afternoon assemblies are often dry because they do not direct themselves towards the P.M. session. Most of the afternoon assemblies are doctored imitations of the morning ones. They usually lack the zest that the other assemblies have because the P.M. students themselves rarely participate in them. If more things could be planned which include the afternoon session, I think the conduct in the auditorium would improve greatly.

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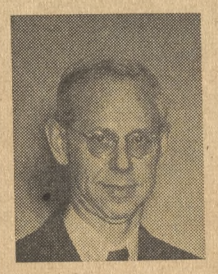
DO YOU KNOW OUR DEANS?

By June Temple

Although Miss Mullin declares that her life is uneventful, the fact that she is both math teacher and dean of girls is enough to disprove that statement. You who have ever been "invited" to visit her in room 137 will surely agree with me.

The highlights of her life were pre-war vacations abroad. The one spent in Ireland was quite memorable. "Regents in June and bicycling on an Irish road in July are worlds apart," says Miss Mullin. Even though she has enjoyed vacations in far away parts, spring skiing in Canada and mid-winter holidays in Florida and Georgia, she hopes that she will always live in New York City. For the future she has plans to visit the West and to spend a year in Mexico and South America.

Miss Mullin admits that she is a dismal failure at both bridge and solving detective stories, even though a math teacher should be good at both. A form of mental gymnastics that she enjoys is cryptanalytics (psstt! that means decoding).



Mr. Hammond is to the boys what Miss Mullin is to the girls, and let that explain all. It seems that being dean is no new thing to him since he occupied the same position at Alexander Hamilton High School.

In his leisure hours, Mr. Hammond does a variety of things from puttering around the house, painting and carpentry work, to playing bridge and golf. He also likes to see dramas and musical comedies, and to read novels and stories on travel.

Traveling through places which are off the beaten road and meeting new people are keenly enjoyed by Mr. Hammond.

Seeing the building up of our school tradition and making a success of his job are his ambitions. He would also be happy if he were not considered such an ogre (by the boys).

Book Harbor

Dorothy Weinstein

With great simplicity and imagination Betty Smith has written a rather touching novel, unique in its human understanding, "A Tree Grows In Brooklyn." Out of all the misery and filth of the slums emerges the very lovable story of Francie Nolan, of her family and friends, and of all the pain and beauty and mystery of their life in the slums of Williamsburg. The story is warm and moving, but most of all, it is alive. All of humanity is pictured—the bad, the good, the pitiful, the ridiculous, the hopeful.

Old Williamsburg

The book just swarms with living people; there's cheap Charlie who cheated little boys and girls with the prize board that never really had the number in it for that big doll or the roller skates—the junk dealer to whose **untidy little shop** the kids would bring their treasures of tinfoil and lead pipe for a few measly pennies—the old penny pickle peddlers. Old Williamsburg really lives again—the cries, the odors, the squalor of the streets and its tenements, the songs that little girls shrilled under the stars on hot summer nights when stoops were heavy with neighbors.

"A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" is a welcome relief from the latter-day fashion of writing about slum folk as if they were all morons and brutes.

Under The Needle

Carol Gordon

Topping this week's listing of popular records is the melodic *Sunday, Monday or Always* by Sinatra or Crosby (Columbia or Decca) and it seems to us that the Swoonatra rage hasn't turned any of Crosby's hairs grey yet. Other records with high ratings are that rootin' tootin' novelty, *Pistol Packin' Mama* (Al Dexter, Okeh), *Paper Doll* and *People Will Say We're In Love.* Some old standbys that provide good rhythm are *Velvet Moon* and *Prince Charming* (Harry James for Columbia), *No Letter Today* (Okeh 6706).

Dick Haymes and Crosby

For vocals, there is a Decca disc (18565) of Dick Haymes singing *Put your Arms Around Me, Honey,* accompanied by the Song Spinners. The "Crooner" is in there pitching (and we don't mean hay) on the Decca platter (1864) with *Oh What a Beautiful Morning!* He doesn't give the impression of being anemic as Sinatra does on his Columbia disc (36682), but the Sportsman Glee Club, who provide the background, do not do his superb singing justice. *The Capitol disc* (138) *featuring Martha Tilton with Gordon Jenkins' band "scotching up" "Coming Thru the Rye" will jump right into the heart of any highlander.*

Morton Gould

In the mood of symphonic swing is the Morton Gould Concert for Columbia (set C 96). Our favorite and Mr. Gould's best is *Pavanne,* a scintillating melody that sparkles with vivacity. This theme is quite catchy and after a while, you find yourself whistling it.

Two Tickets Please

Helen Archibald

Seldom has the screen produced a picture as delightful as Rose Franken's "Claudia." The transition of the play from stage to screen has been accomplished without the sacrifice of a whit of the play's natural humor, gentleness or charm.

Dorothy McGuire, the New Star

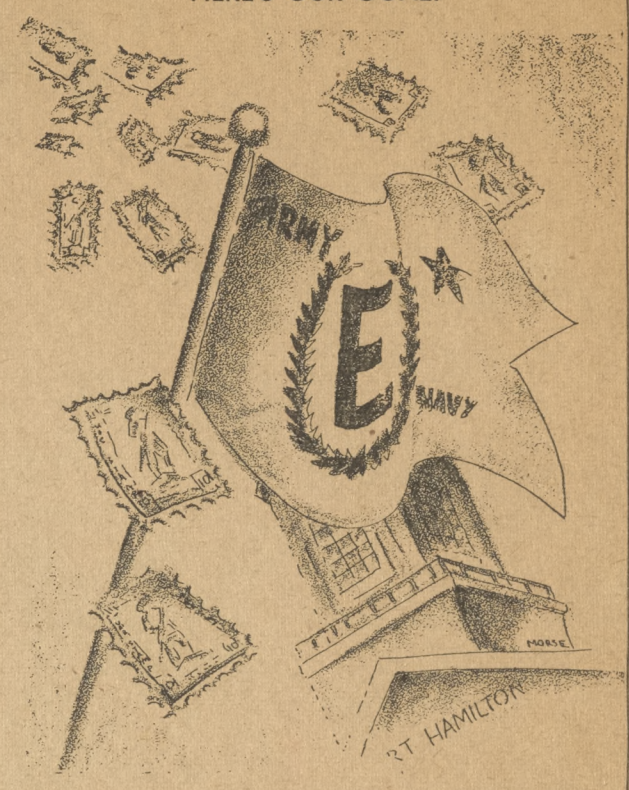
Dorothy McGuire plays the role she created on Broadway with a gaiety and naivete refreshing to audiences long subjected to the heavy artifices of Hollywood's professed glamour girls. Her acting is fine and sincere and of that elusive quality that makes pictures such as this. Miss McGuire is the new star in the Hollywood firmament and all the critics have applauded the designation. She is the Claudia of laughter and tears so eloquently depicted by Miss Franken, but no less is Robert Young, the long suffering and patient husband. There is no facet of the character of David Naughton which Mr. Young does not explore with realistic simplicity.

Mother-Fixation Theme

Claudia is a young wife who has not yet reached emotional maturity. She has been protected from the tragedy of life by her mother, (sympathetically played by Ina Claire). Because of this mother fixation, David despairs of his wife's ever standing alone. The excellence of the acting of these three—mother, daughter, and husband will make this unpretentious story of a young wife be remembered long after many of the more weighty plays of today.

Twentieth Century Fox realizing it had a potential hit on its hands spared no detail to insure the success of "Claudia."

HERE'S OUR GOAL!



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Startlin' Sights and Racy Revelations:

Jerry Hirsh making with a yo-yo while waiting to have his year book picture taken . . . Barbara Meitin lookingly coyly up at Julius Gootzeit on the 86th St. subway station one brite Satiddy nite.

What's this we hear about Sherman Drier concerning American Beauties and Pearl Lishansky? . . . We understand that John Kruse is carrying on a scorching correspondence with Jane, a girl he met this summer in a cannery. Ditto about Jane's sister, Lois, and Jimmy Westbay. We're writing a heart-rending novel called "Tryst Amidst the Tomatoes."

Idle Thoughts and Moot Questions:

Why do they always turn over the check when you order a coupla' shots (no, *hic,* not *that*) "cokes" dope. After all, she's looked at the prices on the program.

Don'tStop-Us-If-You've-Heard-This-Before-But

We're reviving the old chestnut which goes, quote . . .
Pea's and Q's
I eat my peas with honey.
I've done it all my life.
The peas taste awful funny,
But they don't roll off the knife.

Didja hear about . . . the moron who thought that a goblet was a sailor's child? . . . The moron who moved to the city 'cause the country was at war?

Would you like to become one of our most secret operatives? Do you know any hot scandal or gossip that should be brought to light? If so, write it down (on paper) and address it to:

Chip & Drip
c/o Publications Office
By whom this column is respectfully submitted.

STRICTLY SENIOR

Presenting the Senior Motto Selected from a list of thirty-two prepared by Grace Duvall:

The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.

Seniors . . . who taught (?) Mr. Kamin the lindy at the G. O. dance? . . . What alumnus whose initials are R. E. was making up to what pretty senior while a certain member of the *Pilot* staff was throwing daggers? . . . Have you noticed how promising things look between Charlie Riley and Pattie O'? . . . Doesn't Jean Erikson keep a nice polish on that ring of Twink's? . . . Don't Al Acciani and Rita Wiley, Bob Franke and Doris Garguilo, Louis Mastellone and his brand new registration card make the most charming couples? . . . Did "dignified" Virginia Pearson get any contracts after her impromptu act at the senior social? . . . Helen Cook has only been with us ten weeks, but watch out girls—she cooks with gas . . . Why is it that Jayne Bange is failing to correspond with that second class seaman? We were glad to welcome back Warren Griffith when he was on liberty from the Navy . . . He's still a snappy customer even in a sailor suit.

Those flashy senior pins were designed by Ed Allgor. Don't forget to wear yours, seniors; it's the ticket to your privileges . . . And get them back from your girl friends!

Clif Barrett just left for the Navy . . . Lot's of luck Clif.

The senior bulletin board is right next to 145. Have a look at it now and then won't you?

Fem Daze

Shirley Wiener

Monday

Girl pals summon self by gently raining rocks on window. Splatter of glass causes self to stop setting-up exercises abruptly. Throw shoe out window at helpless chums (?), put house gloat on,—oops, mean housecoat, slide down banister and admit lassies. Try desperately to hold back rush of hooves, but same swarm in and promptly head for food room. Should be honorary members of Clean Plate Club.

Eggs and crackly-pops completely devoured so start out for brisk hike with gruesome twosome. End up circling local ice cream parlor, deciding whether Irene Riches or Fatty Arbuckles we'd be—Fatty Arbuckles we'd be.

Tuesday

Must replenish dead food supply, so hop on scooter, grab neighbor's Fido to tie packages on same's back, and head for help-yourself market. Upon arrival, clerk shoots sign in face which reads, "Absotively *no* dogs allowed!", so swish out with pooch and deposit same, plus all-day sucker, into arms of lone lad with dropped jaw. No meat, no butter, no cans, (not even beer for poor old Dad); so start home with a loaf of bread and box of salt for starving family.

Wednesday

Holiday—brain won't function.

Thursday

Again persuaded to try hand at bowling, much against will. Amid negative cries silenced by warm paw over mouth. With help of great push (no relation to aunt) walk up to alley, take long, sickening look at jumbo size ball, then everything slides into friendly blackness.

merge with exciting score of 24 will never be able to try hand gain, for now have only hole in lace of arm.

Friday

Don chrysanthemum, plus hat with uge feather and am arf to football ame. Escort arrives, looking like lustration in "Hunter's Log," com- te with great raccoon coat. Adds ult to injury by wearing bashed-in t; straight from Dead End flickers, d carries ridiculous little banner ft over from last year's game. Dia- ond Jim and self board subway amid nickers of non-football fans, (and ootball fans).

Player makes beautiful touchdown which results in ruination of feather by flailing arms of over-enthusiastic neighbor. During course of game same hysterical neighbor bashes self (him) in eye, falls from seat, and finally succumbs to fit of apoplexy—At long last, amid screams of spectators, game comes to close. Uttering sigh of relief am led quietly home.

Frank Opinions About Frankie

By Eleanor Bell

Because Hamiltonians suddenly get "sick" when he's at the Paramount, and because his name is on every lip (either as a muttered curse, or a whispered sigh) this reporter was told to find out what you think of him. Who? Why Frank Sinatra, of course!

"Sinatra! Humph, if he ever let go of the mike, he'd collapse!" said Stuart Farber of 5-5.

Sylvia Heggen, a frail quail from 8-3, phrased it thus, "He looks like the 'before' in a 'before and after' advertisement."

From prefect 4-5, came this. Marion Saltalammachia said, "His singing is super—but he's definitely nothing to swoon about."

Gerard Bourke of 5-8 plaintively asks, "Why doesn't somebody give him some vitamin pills?"

Evelyn Ellenberg, 3-8, "When he gives out with a swoon song, he's so convincing that you're sure he's that prince on a white charger you dream about." Ah-h, ain't youth wonderful?

"When he gives out with what he calls singing, he reminds me of the last rose of summer. You can't compare Crosby with Sinatra. Crosby can sing!" said Veronica Kearns of 4-4. "Murder," she says.

Jean McCandish, 7-2, with a mean gleam in her eyes, said, "His voice is good, but as for him, confidentially, he ought to wake up and live!"

Babara Singer, one of the slick chicks of 5-11, wasn't quite as violent about it. She thinks, "He has a fair voice, but not good enough to faint over."

Ted Applebaum of 6-5 stuck me with, "What has he got that anybody else wouldn't have if they starved themselves for three weeks?"

A classy lassy from 5-8, Irenee Towbin, thinks that "both he and his voice are puny."

"He is very affected, but I'm prejudiced. You see, I like classical music best," said Ethel Larsen of 7-7.

"His singing isn't very good, and his looks are awful." Daniel Finke of 1-4 said that.

Grace Neville, one of the devastating pert skirts of 3-13, pleads "Give him a chance. He's a chick with some kick. Out of this world. Have you heard his *Night and Day*?"

All in all, it can be summed up: Boys—"Ugh." Girls—"Ah-h-h."

One Hundred Percent G. O.

"Thirty-seven prefect classes, both A.M. and P.M., have 100% G. O.," announced Mr. Kottman. "This is the best record yet." A list of these classes, with the names of the Reps and Assistant Reps, is printed below. Congratulations!

Class	*G. O. Rep*	*Ass't. Rep.*
1-1	E. Ostrow	E. Birnbaum
1-2	W. Van Buskirk	P. Van Ritter
1-4	J. Dobbins	M. Wilcox
2-1	R. Nadder	B. Coleman
3-4	L. Rossie	J. Brett
3-8	H. Cavanaugh	E. Ellenberg
4-5	G. Platt	R. Christie
4-6	P. Cross	B. Veidi
4-9	S. Wiener	W. Reilly
4-10	V. Imperato	B. Johnson
4-12	C. Katz	D. Gonsetti
5-1	F. McHugh	C. Duggan
5-2	N. Kleppe	R. Erickson
5-4	G. Zarli	E. Rossi
5-5	S. Farber	G. Natali
5-6	R. Paton	B. Linscheid
5-7	J. Lassen	A. Bogart
5-8	K. Laliates	J. Bryzell
5-12	M. Casey	W. McAlpine
6-1	E. Johnson	M. DeStafanas
6-2	J. Donofrio	M. Ferguson
6-3	V. Maroon	E. Saykowski
6-4	J. Andersen	J. Mamary
6-6	E. Diederichs	W. Blanchett
6-7	G. Hoden	B. Rosch
6-8	C. Farley	M. Anderson
7-1	K. Jackson	A. Russo
7-2	I. Anderson	D. Johnson
7-3	L. Cush	B. Coss
7-4	W. Ball	M. Carlin
7-5	G. Christie	C. Trunzo
7-6	S. Drier	J. Keenan
7-9	R. Nelson	S. Sturm
8-1	H. Meyer	Anna Paduano
8-2	T. Bennett	R. Davis
8-3	H. Hendrickson	P. Lanigan
8-4	W. Condon	B. Luongo
8-6	V. Irwin	W. Haughey

Senior Celeb Elections Challenged by Students

By Stanley J. Getleson

The *Pilot* has received a "Letter to the Editor," written by an individual who signed himself as R. R., stating that the senior celebrity elections were not run democratically. Further investigation proved that these initials are fictitious, since there is only one person in the senior class with the initials R. R. This person did not write the letter.

FRANK SINATRA

Below is the aforementioned letter. Accompanying this are several comments made by independent seniors and officers of the Senior Year Book.

"I am a senior, and I don't like the way senior affairs are being handled. For instance, the election of senior celebrities, what a farce! Every one who belongs to a clique was elected; I mean almost every one; a few got elected on their own merits. We didn't get a chance to pick our own candidates; they just threw some names at us and told us to elect them. I hope the senior show is run in a better manner than our affairs have been in the past. Please print this. I am writing this in the hope that future senior classes get a better break. R. R."

Senior Comment

William Haughey, 8-6:

"I agree that the recent election of senior celebrities was a fraud. The nominations did not represent the true view of the senior; they were the nominations of a clique. Worthy candidates were not nominated, and consequently it was thought that they had no intention of running for office."

Anita Jesse,
Vice-Pres. of Senior Class:

"The method used in the election of senior celebrities was perfectly democratic and the system used was contrived in such a way as to keep the cliques from winning *all* the honors. Nominations were put up in each perfect class. Voters were not compelled to vote for candidates that were nominated. They could choose and vote for any senior they wished. No clique got in. There are representatives of most of them in the class celebrity list."

Bill Silvernail,
Editor, Senior Yearbook:

"When a senior writes a letter complaining about an election in which the electorate consists of two and one quarter hundred seniors and withholds his name, it is quite obvious that his complaint is absurd. Furthermore, the author of this letter will kindly recall, the slate prepared by a committee from the Yearbook staff was representative of the choices of the seniors and permitted them to vote for anyone they wished to."

Al Acciani and J. Kearns:

"The writer of the above letter is prejudiced against sororities and fraternities. Students did not have to vote for the suggested names, as the ballot clearly said, 'Your Choice.' The writer should offer suggestions and ideas for helping senior affairs if he or she doesn't think the program is running smoothly."

Madison Tussle Eagerly Awaited

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Fort Hamilton's Team

Our varsity includes four veterans and three newcomers. These boys are so evenly matched that at this writing, Coach Drucker considers the seven of them to be on the first team. "The boys play hard and aggressive ball," says Coach Drucker. "They are not very good ball-handlers and foul-shooters. However, they will improve greatly as the season goes on."

Coach Drucker lists them in the following order: Amoscato — third year varsity, captain of team—good ball-handler — cool headed — floorman; Cahill—second season varsity—fast, shifty—makes up in speed what he lacks in height; Bywater—second season varsity—good shot—rangry—tall man—does good work off the backboards; Megavero—fast—good shot and good ball-handler—newcomer and should be one of the good players of the team; Franke—aggressive—tall—plays very hard—first season; Hansen—rugged and aggressive—returns ball off backboard very well—tallest man on team; Gozzalle—fast, shifty—good ball-handler and shoots well.

The Game Last Year

Last year our basketball squad played Madison's jayvee and scored a win, coming out on top 35-14. However, both squads have changed since then. We have lost Nelson, Rainer, Plancher, Kemether, and Rubin through graduation, and Dom "Mooney" Andino through ineligibility.

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Home Nursing Course Helps Girls Interested in USCNC

Those girls who are interested in joining the U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps should note that home nursing has been made a war course. The course will be a great help in preparing girls for their student-nurse training.

Candidates for this training must be over seventeen, in good health, graduates of an accredited high school.

Each girl not only receives free tuition, maintenance, uniforms, and insignia, but also monthly pay starting at $15, later rising to $20 and $30. In return she pledges to continue in her profession for the duration.

An interesting array of jobs is open to the graduate nurse. These include serving in a hospital, specialized work with children, becoming a home nursing teacher.

Real Band Presides Over Victory Corps Jam Session

Fox-trotting, lindy-ing, waltzing and conga-ing to the strains of Mickey Williams' Band, students apparently enjoyed themselves at the Grand Victory Corps Dance held on Wednesday, November 10. Mrs. Hyer announces that the dance was very successful and that the funds raised will be used for wool for our afghan drive.

The band, which had donated their services for the afternoon, played almost constantly. During intermissions Lenore Zohman played her own versions of many old and new songs on the piano.

Driftwood

Mildred Schmitz

Query

Army Officials, I'm not complaining.
Conduct the war in your own sweet way.
All I ask is a little explaining—
Why, when I'm entertaining B,
Must you insist on sending home A?

Reflections During the Eighth Period

Sad is the plight of the stayer-outlater.
Returning, he meets with the wrath of his mater,
Comes morning, bleary-eyed, miserable drool,
Weary and worn, he meanders to school;
Nodding and yawning and bowed with care
Watches his teacher with glassy stare.
In contrast with him are the model few
Who never do what they shouldn't do;
Who do their homework and swallow their spinach.
Each one is so good he's a cherub's image.
Nodding and yawning and bowed with care
They watch their teacher with glassy stare.

November

Crisscrossed
Strands of cloud weave
Light filmy patterns across
The flaming fires of the
Sunset sky.

Consolation

Wear your heart upon your sleeve—
He'll only have disdain for you.
High your head with dignity—
He'll be cold and distant, too.

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Arista Scheduled To Tutor Students

At the last meeting of the Arista, several members volunteered to coach in various subjects for the remainder of the term. All those students who feel uncertain of themselves in some subject should come on the day in which coaching in that subject is being given:

The schedule runs as follows:

MONDAY — Secretarial studies and English.

TUESDAY — Biology, chemistry, electricity and machines.

THURSDAY — Mathematics, major art, mechanical drawing.

FRIDAY — French, Latin and Spanish.

Rooms should be obtained from your teacher in that subject. The coaches will not do the homework of the students who come for assistance, but will attempt to clarify any points of which they are not certain.

Officers Elected

At the same meeting new officers were elected for the forthcoming term. Replacing those who have done such an excellent job in the past term are Fred Dexter as Boy Leader, Beata Herzfeld as Girl Leader and Beatrice Alfke as Secretary.

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Former Color Guard Wounded in Action

Pvt. Marvin G. Rose, a former student of Fort Hamilton, was seriously wounded in action in Italy on October 14. Pvt. Rose will be remembered as one of the color guards of the assemblies last term.

In addition, while in this school he had been lieutenant of the Service Corps. Before entering combat duty he served with the State Guard for several months. Pvt. Rose is one of four brothers now in active service.

∴ The Sports Deck ∴

By FRED DEXTER

Someone, probably one of those profound thinkers, once said that where there is unity there is also strength. If what the old gent said is true, our basketball team should be strong. Let me explain what I mean: At a recent practice, Coach Drucker held the election for the captain of the team. As soon as the nominations were opened, Leroy Eide nominated Dominick Amoscato and from that point on there was silence. Each member of the team looked around as if to say "Who else?"

Mr. Drucker asked for further nominations, but there were none. The nominations were closed with unanimous approval. Thus the term's captain was chosen. Mr. Drucker was very pleased with the outcome, and, needless to say, so was Dom.

Started Playing in Jr. High

Dom was born eighteen years ago in the "motherland" (Brooklyn, of course). He attended P. S. 169 and Pershing Junior High before coming to Fort Hamilton. It was at Pershing in the eighth grade that he got his start in basketball and he has been playing since. He attributes much of his prowess on the court to the coaching of Pershing's Mr. Greco, who is now serving in the Army as a second lieutenant.

"I think the fellows on the team are a swell bunch of guys, and it sure was swell of them to make me their captain. We've got a couple of pretty tough games coming up, but I think that with Mr. Drucker's coaching and with plenty of teamwork we'll be able to show 'em."

Keep an eye on the guy with the number three on his back!

Curtis Takes First Practice Game 34-14

In a pre-season non-league basketball tilt at home, our quintet dropped a hard-fought game to Curtis' team by a score of 34-14.

Jeff Bywater turned in the best performance for Fort Hamilton. Jeff played very good ball until the last few seconds of the game, when he had to leave after crashing into the wall in a desperate effort to prevent a score. Mogavero, our high-scorer, and Gazzalle, two newcomers on the squad, also gave good account of themselves.

Good Beginning

Led by Dom Amoscato, who played his usual good game, our squad held the score of the first half to 14-8. The turning point came early in the second half when Amoscato and Cahill left the game on having committed four fouls each. Our weakened squad was no match for Curtis' team.

Government Offers Maritime Training

The New York State Maritime Academy is offering to young men interested in the United States Merchant Marine, an opportunity to enter the academy under government expense. In past years, cadets in this school have paid a considerable amount of money for tuition, uniforms, books and subsistence. Today this has all been subsidized by the government. Cadets also receive $65 per month, midshipman's pay.

Those boys who contemplate entering the Merchant Marine either for service during the war or as a sea career for life in the American Merchant Marine are urged to see Miss Young (Room 123) immediately.

Russian Exhibit Presented In Museum This Month

A series of Russian embroidery types, pictures of famous ballerinas and scientists will make up the December exhibit in our school museum, room 352.

The materials were lent to us through the courtesy of the Brooklyn Museum, and will be under the supervision of Mrs. Ludins, teacher in our Art Department.

Dodger Captain Kinard Calls Chicago Champs

By Esther Samber

"Go ahead and shoot."

This exclamation might sound like the climax to a murder story. However, it was just the response I received when I asked Frank "Bruiser" Kinard, the captain of the football Dodgers, whether or not I could pop a few questions at him. While we were standing outside the clubhouse door of the "pride of Brooklyn," Ebbetts Field, surrounded by a few of the other mighty men of the gridiron, I proceeded to "shoot 'em at him."

College Days

The ever popular Dodger captain was born on Oct. 23, 1914,, and is a native of Jackson, Mississippi. He attended Central High School, where he had been a member of the basketball, football and track teams. Excelling in football, Bruiser's first big step toward the professional gridiron was his entering the University of Mississippi. For there he soon made the collegiate football team, and at the position of tackle, which he has maintained ever since, he had one of the most brilliant collegiate careers.

At the annual meeting of the pro football clubs in 1937, the southern gentleman was drafted by the Brooklyn Dodgers, and for the past six years has inhabited the National Football League, as a player on the Dodgers.

58 Yards for a Touchdown

The highlight of Kinard's career came in 1941, when he was chosen captain, and when he made the most

BRUISER KINARD

exciting play he experienced thus far in pro football. The Dodgers were entertaining the Chicago Cardinals when Bruiser slapped the ball over the passer's hand and ran with the ball 58 yards for a touchdown. The Dodgers, during his first year as a captain, had one of their most successful years, winning eight games.

Captain Kinard believes the Chicago Bears to be the team to be the champions this year. When I asked him whom he thought was the best profootball player this year he hesitated, but then said that Ace Parker, his former teammate, now in the armed forces, was his pick. However, when quizzed about the best at the present time, he smilingly replied: "Sammy Baugh, the star passer of the Washington Redskins, without a doubt."

New Cultural Center To Be Opened Soon

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and as there are a limited number of seats, students are advised to get their tickets as early as possible. They may buy tickets for themselves, their friends, and their parents.

Future Plans

In the near future, the Center will present the widely acclaimed musical, "Porgy and Bess" and also the "Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo." This non-profit organization, with Mr. Harry Friedgut as Managing Director, will attempt to satisfy, at reasonable prices the New Yorker's desire to see the best in the current drama and music.

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